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Baseball Club**

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RCBC Newsletter

IF YOU LOVE BASEBALL, WE ARE FRIENDS.... IF YOU LOVE RCBC, WE ARE FAMILY

Happy New Year to all. My traditional start of the year welcome letter. Baseball and family....they go together like a 6-4-3 double play win to end a championship game.

FAMILY: A group consisting of parents and children living together in a household.

RCBC: A group consisting of coaches and players living together at the baseball field.

A special RCBC welcome to the newest members of our family, including 4 new teams - the 14U Nationals coached by Ed Rethorn, the 11U Americans coached by Chris Renna and the 9U Royals and 10U Americans coached by Brian Graham. At Richmond County Baseball, the message we want to deliver each and every day is "we are family." That phrase goes both ways - it starts at the program level and ends at the families that play for us. What I'm trying to say is it's a two way street. Without the cooperation from the players and their families, we just

IF YOU LOVE BASEBALL, WE ARE FRIENDS....
IF YOU LOVE RCBC, WE ARE FAMILY (cont'd)

become another ball club.

This year marks 17 years as a program. We want to continue to get better each year and to do that, we need the full cooperation of our families. We ask you to support our ideas, to cooperate with your son's coach and to make the season a fun-filled and great experience.

We are holding meetings and clinics with our coaches to help them become better coaches and mentors. Our Winter Workouts are in full swing. We continue to create better competition for our teams via our partnership with Perfect Game and hosting tournaments here on Staten Island, offering teams from all around the county to come here to play at RCBC.

George and I can't wait to give out fresh new Marucci uniforms. We can't wait to get out on the field and start coaching. We can't wait to start grooming the fields. It's what we love to do and we are looking forward to doing it. Get excited; baseball season is just around the corner.

I'll leave you with this message.....there comes a point when teammates become friends and when friends become FAMILY.

Coach Nick DeFendis

2021 RCBC Team Lineup

9U Marucci Americans (Ruggiero)

9U Marucci Royals (Graham)

10U Marucci Nationals (Napolitano)

11U Marucci Nationals (Nichilo)

12U Marucci Nationals (Quinn)

13U Marucci Nationals (Grippio)

15U Marucci Americans (Sorrentino)

16U Marucci Nationals (DeFendis)

9U Marucci Nationals (Yaverbaum)

10U Marucci Americans (Graham)

11U Marucci Americans (Renna)

12U Marucci Americans (Salafia)

13U Marucci Americans (Scotti)

14U Marucci Nationals (Rethorn)

15U Marucci Nationals (Marco)

2021 RCBC Player Package



OR



2 pairs



metal



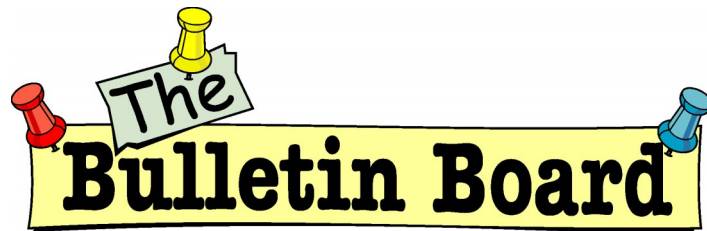
OR



wood



Helmet
optional
purchase



A Reminder Regarding Our Communication Channels

Email - Emails are sent out to members via our vendor Constant Contact to communicate announcements and upcoming events. Please make sure we have your correct email address. If you want to add an additional email address, contact info@rcbclub.com.

Our websites (bookmark and check regularly):

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.rcbclub.com

Richmond County Tournaments - www.rctournaments.com

RC Showcase Camps - www.rcshowcasecamps.com

Our Facebook pages:

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.facebook.com/rcbaseball

Richmond County Tournaments - www.facebook.com/rctournaments

RCBC on Instagram: www.instagram.com/rcbc_theclub_

Our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCON-uX9ZKolCm9Oqtxd3c5A>

Coach DeFendis on Twitter: www.twitter.com/nickdefendis

Our monthly Newsletter - Published each month and emailed to all members and posted on the RCBC website under RCBC In The News.

2021 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

We have announced our 2021 spring/summer Tournament Schedule which includes many Perfect Game sanctioned events and Super Qualifiers. We will also be hosting the East Coast Invitational Tournament (powered by Marucci) in August which will feature product demos and giveaways. We look forward to bringing you many exciting events and great competition right here in our own backyard.

Tournament	Start Date
<u>(04/23/21) 13U PG Super25 Northeast Spring Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, April 23, 2021
<u>(05/14/21) 14U PGI Mid Atlantic Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, May 14, 2021
<u>(05/28/21) 10U PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, May 28, 2021
<u>(05/28/21) 11U PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, May 28, 2021
<u>(05/28/21) 12U PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, May 28, 2021
<u>(05/28/21) 13U PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, May 28, 2021
<u>(05/28/21) 14U PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier</u>	Friday, May 28, 2021
<u>(06/11/21) 17U PG Super25 Mid Atlantic Regional</u>	Friday, June 11, 2021
<u>(06/18/21) 14U PG WWBA Northeast Championship</u>	Friday, June 18, 2021
<u>(06/24/21) 17U PG WWBA Northeast Championship</u>	Thursday, June 24, 2021
<u>(07/01/21) 13U PG WWBA Mid Atlantic Select Championship</u>	Thursday, July 1, 2021
<u>(07/01/21) 15U PG WWBA Mid Atlantic Elite Championship</u>	Thursday, July 1, 2021
<u>(07/08/21) 16U PG Super25 National Championship</u>	Thursday, July 8, 2021
<u>(07/15/21) 17U PG Mid Atlantic World Series</u>	Thursday, July 15, 2021
<u>(07/23/21) 17U PG Super25 National Championship</u>	Friday, July 23, 2021
<u>(07/30/21) 14U PG Northeast World Series</u>	Friday, July 30, 2021
<u>(07/30/21) 16U PG Northeast World Series</u>	Friday, July 30, 2021
<u>(08/13/21) 10U Marucci East Coast Invitational</u>	Friday, August 13, 2021
<u>(08/13/21) 11U Marucci East Coast Invitational</u>	Friday, August 13, 2021
<u>(08/13/21) 12U Marucci East Coast Invitational</u>	Friday, August 13, 2021
<u>(08/13/21) 16U Marucci East Coast Invitational (wood bat)</u>	Friday, August 13, 2021
<u>(08/13/21) 17U Marucci East Coast Invitational (wood bat)</u>	Friday, August 13, 2021
<u>(08/27/21) 10U PG Summer Finale</u>	Friday, August 27, 2021
<u>(08/27/21) 11U PG Summer Finale</u>	Friday, August 27, 2021
<u>(08/27/21) 12U PG Summer Finale</u>	Friday, August 27, 2021
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Winter Workouts 2021

Winter Workouts at Sportika are in full swing.
Check out some of the action.



RCBC Announces Partnership With Sports Recruits

SportsRecruits

RCBC has entered into an agreement with SportsRecruits, a national college recruiting information and communication platform, for our high school age teams. Under the agreement, RCBC players will have access to the SportsRecruits system to enter their player profiles and videos, search for colleges that meet their academic, athletic and geographic criteria and ultimately communicate directly with college coaches and recruiters. RCBC management and coaches will have visibility into each player's activity and will assist them in maintaining their profiles and establishing contacts with the appropriate schools.

"With over 200 college commits over the past 17 years, RCBC has a proven track record of getting our players into the right schools. No one works harder for our athletes." said Coach DeFendis. "This additional method of getting exposure, sharing data and communicating directly with schools is critical in today's environment when colleges are either prohibited from or are not always physically able to scout players live. We continue to be committed to helping our players get to the next level and SportsRecruits will give them an added competitive advantage in their recruiting journey."

Sports Recruits Sales Director Patrick McAnaney commented on the partnership, stating *"The Richmond County Baseball Club has a long history of going above and beyond for their athletes and we are beyond excited to have them on our platform. The SportsRecruits software will streamline their current efforts and empower their student/athletes to own their college placement process."*



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Message To Recruits:
Get To Work!

Quote of the Month - Philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: *"An OUNCE of ACTION is worth a TON of Theory!!!"*

This past week, RCBC's high school players and their parents heard Ms. Samantha Curran talk about *SportsRecruits*, a company that will lend a huge hand in assisting our coaches get RCBC players to college to play baseball.

Ms. Curran gave a truckload of instruction on the Zoom. It was reinforced when the participating players received an email summarizing the important instructions. And...now I will, once again, put down many of the steps given. In plain English: NO EXCUSES. Afterall, our Newsletter remains online, seemingly forever!!! So does the RCBC website.

1. Set up the PLAYER PROFILE immediately, if not sooner,
2. PROFILE PICTURE: Close-up head shot with the RCBC cap on.
3. WRITE about YOURSELF (a profile) that includes important baseball and academic details. Also include non-baseball activities.
4. If you have a VIDEO—use it!!
5. You can CREATE your OWN VIDEO or request a free one from *SportsRecruits*. BUT....you rather have game footage.



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6. **ACADEMIC UPLOADS:** Up-to-date transcripts-report cards, PSAT scores if you're a sophomore, SAT/ACT scores when they become available.

7. **SCHOOL SEARCH SUGGESTIONS:** Search by LOCATION, ACADEMICS and PLAYING LEVEL. Tag the schools that are your favorites.

8. **SCHOOL LINKS:** Click to see details about and access to the Colleges, especially their websites.

9. **BUILT-IN EMAIL MESSAGING:** This enables you to COMMUNICATE with the Coaches at a respective college—include FULL NAME, GRAD YEAR, POSITION.

10. Keep your Profile CURRENT.

11. In the RCBC website "In The News" section, *SportsRecruits'* "How To" articles and videos are available under the COLLEGE RECRUITING CORNER.

GOOD LUCK - GET TO WORK - BE PROACTIVE!

Marucci Featured Item

Alternate White Jersey

Looking for a 3rd jersey for extended tournament play? The alternate white jersey is now available on the Marucci Locker Room. Made from lightweight, moisture management material, the jersey will keep you cool during those hot summer practices and games.



- Athletic fit
- Mesh side inserts provide ventilation and breathability
- Raglan sleeves
- Twill-taped neck for comfort
- Soft polyester and spandex

Check with your coach if looking to order as a team

For all your equipment needs, visit our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount.

